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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF AL SYG RIAD

1. AL SYG RIAD SCHEDULED TO MAKE TOUR OF ELEVEN ARAB COUNTRIES COMMENCING NOV. 6. CAIRO DAILIES REPORT THAT TRIP WILL BEGIN WITH VISITS TO BEIRUT AND DAMASCUS TO DISCUSS ADF PROBLEMS, AFTER WHICH RIAD WILL VISIT JORDAN, SAUDI ARABIA, THE YEMENS, GULF STATES, AND IRAQ. IN INTERVIEW WITH AHRAH, RIAD ATTACHED (CHRISTIAN) CRITICS OF CURRENT ADF COMMANDER GEN. GHUNAYM, CLAIMING THAT SARKIS TOTALLY FREE TO NAME ANY COMMANDER HE
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WISHES FOR ADF.

2. RIAD ALSO TO DISCUSS FOLLOWING SUBJECTS DURING SWING:
AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD FEB. 1977 (PROBABLY
IN CAIRO); MEETING OF GENERAL COMMITTEE FOR EURO-ARAB
DIALOGUE TO BE HELD IN TUNIS JANUARY 1977; DISCUSSION OF
PROBLEMS CONFRONTING ARAB SATELLITE GROUND STATION;
IMPLEMENTATION OF ARAB MONETARY FUND AND QUESTION OF ARAB
AID PROJECTS IN GENERAL.

3. COMMENT: RIAD VISIT TO BEIRUT AND DAMASCUS APPARENTLY
NECESSARY TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL, ORGANIZATIONAL,
AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS RELATED TO ADF. VISITS TO
MAJOR DONOR STATES OBVIOUSLY IMPORTANT. TRIP HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN
BROADENED TO COVER VARIOUS PAN-ARAB QUESTIONS WHICH WERE NOT
COVERED AT LEBANON-ORIENTED ARAB SUMMIT.
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